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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Patent application of
David B. Smith
Serial No.: 08/976,440
Filed: November 25, 1997
For: TRANSMISSION OF DATA IN
BOREHOLES
Group Art Unit:
3663
Examiner:
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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of three months to respond to the office action mailed on June 21, 2002. A continued prosecution application under 37 CFR 1.53(d) is filed herewith. Based on the extension requested in this petition, the extended period for response will expire on December 21, 2002.

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UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.8(a)

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BY: Katie Keogh

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DATE: December 17, 2002

Calculation of extension fee:

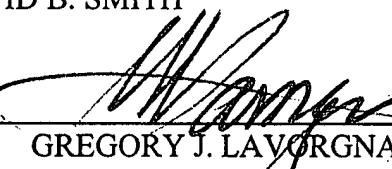
Total Months <u>Requested</u>	Fee for other than <u>small entity</u>	Fee for <u>small entity</u>
[] one month	\$ 110.00	\$ 55.00
[] two months	\$ 400.00	\$200.00
[X] three months	\$ 920.00	\$460.00
[] four months	\$1440.00	\$720.00

The extension fee due with this request is **\$ 460.00**

If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor.

A check in the amount due is included herewith. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional extension fees which may be required, or to credit any overpayment, to the Deposit Account 50-0573. This paper is submitted in duplicate.

Respectfully submitted,
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